

## Bureau of Land Management, Interior

## § 3505.65

(f) Any other data which BLM may require.

### **§ 3505.50 How will I know if BLM has approved or rejected my application?**

BLM will review your application to determine compliance with land use plans, environmental requirements, unsuitability criteria and whether the lands are within a known leasing area. BLM's decision whether to approve your application is at BLM's complete discretion. If we approve your application, we will issue your permit. If we reject your application, we will mail you a written decision. This notice will:

- (a) Detail the reasons why we rejected your application;
- (b) Identify any items you will need to correct in your application; and
- (c) Tell you how you may appeal an adverse decision.

### **§ 3505.51 May I file a revised application if BLM rejects my original application?**

Yes. If you file a revised application for the same lands within 30 days after you receive our rejection, we will apply the non-refundable filing fee and rental payment from your original application to the new application. To obtain this benefit, you must show the serial number of the original application on your new application. We will establish priority for the permit as of the date the revised application is filed. If you do not file a revised application within 30 days of rejection, we will refund only your rental payment.

#### PROSPECTING PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **§ 3505.55 What are my obligations to BLM under an approved prospecting permit?**

You must:

- (a) Pay your annual rental in a timely fashion. See §§ 3504.15 and 3504.16 of this part;
- (b) Comply with all permit terms and stipulations the surface management agency attached to the permit;
- (c) Conduct only those exploration activities approved as part of your existing exploration plan; and

(d) Discontinue activities following expiration of the initial term unless and until BLM extends your permit.

### **§ 3505.60 How long is my prospecting permit in effect?**

Your prospecting permit will be effective for an initial term of 2 years.

### **§ 3505.61 May BLM extend the term of my prospecting permit?**

We may extend prospecting permits for phosphate and hardrock minerals for up to an additional 4 years, and for potassium and gilsonite for up to an additional 2 years. We cannot extend sodium and sulphur prospecting permits.

### **§ 3505.62 Under what conditions will BLM extend my prospecting permit?**

You must prove that:

- (a) You explored with reasonable diligence and were unable to determine the existence and workability of a valuable deposit covered by the permit. Reasonable diligence means that, in BLM's opinion, you drilled a sufficient number of holes or performed other comparable prospecting to explore the permit area within the time allowed; or
- (b) Your failure to perform diligent prospecting activities was due to conditions beyond your control.

### **§ 3505.64 How do I apply for an extension?**

There is no application form. Just send us a written request with the information in § 3505.65 of this part at least 90 days before your permit expires. Include your \$25 nonrefundable filing fee and the first year's rental, in accordance with §§ 3504.15 and 3504.16 of this part.

### **§ 3505.65 What information must I include in my extension request?**

Your request must:

- (a) Show that you have met the conditions for extension in § 3505.62;
- (b) Describe your previous diligent prospecting activities on the permit; and
- (c) Show how much additional time you need to complete prospecting work.